

## **STOP EXPORTING TEAR GAS TO BAHRAIN DON'T KILL OUR LOVELY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ANY MORE**

**ATTN** : To whom it may concern

**FROM** : Bahrain Watch

**SUBJECT** : Stop exporting tear gas to Bahrain

Since 2011, Bahrain's security forces have misused tear gas indiscriminately and inhumanely, causing injury, death, miscarriages, and possible long-term health complications. Tear gas is supposed to be 'non-lethal', but Bahrain's police use large amounts of tear gas in residential areas, even when there are no protests, and sometimes shoot tear gas directly into houses. The police also fire the canisters directly at people's heads, which has caused serious injuries and deaths. **Overall, 39 deaths in Bahrain have been attributed to tear gas, according to Physicians for Human Rights. Very few police have been punished for killing protesters.**

Based on videos and images we have seen, the top suppliers of tear gas products used in Bahrain between 2011 and 2013 appear to be DaeKwang Chemical Corporation and CNO Tech of South Korea. Another company, Korea Defense Industry (KDI) may also export to Bahrain. The other major exporter is a South African/German company called Rheinmetall Denel. **DaeKwang Chemical Corporation and CNO Tech have exported over 1.5 million pieces of tear gas to Bahrain between 2011 and 2012. This is more than the entire population of Bahrain, which is 1.2 million, of which 600,000 are citizens.**

Please immediately stop exporting CS gas and other chemical agents to Bahrain, so no more peaceful protesters are killed with your products. Other countries, including the United States, have already stopped exporting tear gas to Bahrain. **Companies that continue to export these products will be held liable under International Law** on the grounds of contributing to the intentional abuse and misuse of chemical agents by the Bahrain security forces. You have a responsibility to prevent exports where tear gas is being misused.

Already, the issue of tear gas exports to Bahrain is being widely covered in the international media, including in the New York Times and the Financial Times. **Members of Parliament in Europe are beginning to question relations with Korea, over the issue of their tear gas exports to Bahrain. The world is watching you.**

Your family and friends are precious to you, and Bahrainis' families and friends are precious to them. Stop killing Bahrainis' lovely family and friends. **Stop tear gas exports to Bahrain.** Learn more at: <http://bahrainwatch.org/arms/>

Sincerely,  
*Bahrain Watch Team*  
<http://stoptheshipment.org/>

**Pictures of Bahrainis killed by your tear gas products:**

		
<p>Tear gas canister impact on corpse of 15-year-old Sayed Hashim</p>	<p>Tear gas canister impact on corpse of 15-year-old Sayed Hashim</p>	<p>Tear gas canister that killed Sayed Hashim, manufactured by DaeKwang (Korea)</p>

	
<p>Tear gas canister impact on back of neck of 14-year-old Ali Jawad Al Shaikh. Ali died after police shot him with a tear gas canister.</p>	<p>Corpse of Ali Jawad Al Shaikh.</p>



21 year old Fadhel Al-Obaidi was killed when police shot him with a tear gas canister in the head.



20 year old Mahmood Al-Jazeerai was killed when police shot him with a tear gas canister in the head.



Canister from DaeKwang Chemical Corporation / CNO Tech (Korea) in Bahrain



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Canister from Rheinmetall Denel (South Africa / Germany) in Bahrain